

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION**

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**INVENTION: "NETWORK CONNECTION CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD"**

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Between the title and the heading “Background of the Invention” on page 1, insert the following:

#### --RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application(s) No(s). P2000-343429 filed November 10, 2000, which application(s) is/are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

Respectfully submitted,

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